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Dear Commissioner McDonald:

I am writing to request a determination under the FEC's regulations for use of campaign funds.

In the final weeks of the 1994 campaign, one of my opponents publicly accused me of taking down his campaign signs. This claim was, and continues to be, entirely without merit.

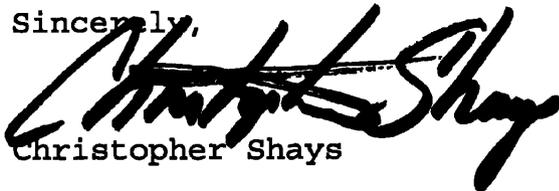
Following the election of 1994, I was named as a defendant in a suit making the same claim. The suit also names the Mayors of Stamford and Norwalk as defendants.

Despite the fact that none of the individuals deposed in the proceedings, including the plaintiff, have provided any information supporting the allegation, I have incurred a legal bill to this point of almost three thousand dollars.

Since my being named in this suit arises solely out of my campaign for federal office, I feel it is appropriate that these legal expenses be covered by my campaign committee account.

I am seeking FEC approval to have this expense paid for by my campaign committee. I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Christopher Shays